

Claims presented for discussion:

A1. (changes with respect to combination of originally filed claims 1 and 2) An article for protection from anal soiling, the article being adapted for use with a body having a buttocks, a buttocks cleft, and a genital region, comprising:

an impervious outer layer;

at least one ~~an~~ absorbent middle layer;

a porous bodystom ~~inner~~ layer, wherein the article has a pear-like shape comprising a wide end adapted for covering at least part of the buttocks region and a narrow end adapted for extending that extends just short of the genital region when the wide end is positioned over the buttocks region; and

an additional absorbent pad of medium thickness extending from the narrow end to the beginning of the wide end and providing a dam adapted to be situated within the ventral portion of the buttock cleft.

A2. (changes with respect to current claim 2) An article for protection from anal soiling, the article being adapted for use with a body having a buttocks, a buttocks cleft, and a genital region, comprising:

an impervious outer layer;

at least one absorbent middle layer;

a liquid-permeable bodystom layer, wherein the article has a wide first end adapted for covering at least part of the buttocks region and a narrow second end adapted for extending just short of the genital region when the first end is positioned over the buttocks region; and

an additional liquid-absorbent pad of medium thickness extending from the second end to the beginning of the first end and providing a dam adapted to be situated within the ventral portion of the buttock cleft.

A3. (changes with respect to current claim 2) An article for protection from anal soiling, the article being adapted for use with a body having a buttocks, a buttocks cleft, and a genital region, comprising:

an impervious outer layer;

at least one absorbent middle layer;

a liquid-permeable bodymost layer, wherein the article has a wide first end adapted for covering at least part of the buttocks region and a narrow second end adapted for extending just short of the genital region when the first end is positioned over the buttocks region, the article being of non-rigid construction; and

an additional absorbent pad of medium thickness extending from the second end to the beginning of the first end and providing a dam adapted to be situated within the ventral portion of the buttock cleft.